

SECOND DISTRICT and the EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS  
Briefing on the May 19 California Special Election  
Wallis Annenberg Building, Muses Room California Science Center  
700 Exposition Drive, Los Angeles  
Tuesday, May 12, 2009

The May 19<sup>th</sup> Special Election and the California Budget Crisis: Why Vote?

PROGRAM AGENDA

- I. 6:00 – 6:15 Welcome – Marco Flores, Empowerment Congress Member  
The May 19 Special Election, representative government and the importance of civic engagement and democratic participation
- II. 6:15 – 7:00 How did we get here? and Where Are We Now? - Thea Brodtkin, League of Women Voters  
An historic overview of the California budget crisis from ballot box budgeting to imprudent pledges  
How the legislature solved an estimated \$42 billion imbalance in the California state budget and what the people will decide on May 19<sup>th</sup>  
Overview of what the ballot initiatives mean in broader context
- III. 7:05 – 7:25 What impact will the election have on Los Angeles County? – Sharon Harper, County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office  
The impact of the state's budget and fiscal crises on County-administered state programs and a post-May 19 forecast
- IV. 7:25 – 7:55 Interactive Budget Challenge – Meropi Yiasemis, Next 10  
Impact of ballot measures on the budget and broader policies
- V. 8:00 – 8:15 Comments, Questions and Answers – Moderated by Trustee Angela Reddock, Los Angeles Community College District
- VI. 8:15 – 8:30 Making an informed choice? – Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Second District, County of Los Angeles